

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ALL-STATE BAND MEMBERS OF THE CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Neha Jain, Holly Rosenberg, and Taylor White. All three are students at Carroll Senior High School and were selected for components of the Texas Music Educators Association's All-State Band for 2012.

Every year 60,000 high school musicians in Texas compete for the opportunity to be among the 1,500 chosen for various All-State ensembles. Band students first audition before judges in one of twenty-eight regions, and the highest ranked musicians from each Region then participate in one of seven Area competitions. The best among the Area participants then go on to the annual clinic and convention hosted by the Texas Music Educators Association, TMEA. The clinic consists of three days of rehearsal with prestigious musical conductors and culminates in a grand All-State performance.

Being selected for one of the three All-State Band ensembles is indeed a high honor for any high school musician and is a testament to their hard work, talent, and dedication. Neha Jain, who plays the flute, and Holly Rosenberg, who plays the piccolo, both made it to the 5A Concert Band for 2012. Taylor White, who plays the cornet and trumpet, performed in the Philharmonic Orchestra this year. It was his fourth year in an All-State ensemble, and it was Holly's second. Together, these three exceptional students are continuing to build a strong tradition at Carroll Senior High School. Their success is truly admirable and highlights the astounding work and contributions put forth by their band director, Jay Bach.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating

Neha Jain, Holly Rosenberg, and Taylor White for being chosen for their respective components in the TMEA All-State Band.

IN MEMORY OF DONNA SUMMER

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Donna Summer, a singer whose legacy continues to shape the music industry and inspire audiences around the world.

Donna Summer passed away surrounded by her family and loved ones after a long battle with cancer. She was 63.

Donna Summer was a powerhouse who defined dance music and paved the road for countless performers. Her music career spanned across four decades and led to five Grammy awards. She was the first female artist to have four number-one hits in a 13-month period as well as the first to receive a Grammy in rock. She infused the music industry with a sense of excitement and energy that brought everyone to the dance floor and continues to inspire today's artists.

Her songs provided the soundtrack to the disco years, but her legacy extends far beyond this singular genre. Her versatility and talent cemented her place in music history even as the disco lights faded, and she continued to write and perform until recent years.

As a devout born-again Christian, Donna Summer's life hardly resembled the glitz and glam of her stage persona. She grew up singing gospel, and her faith provided her with a strong sense of purpose and conviction. Although she may first be remembered as a singer and performer, her memory will also live on as a loving mother, wife, and friend.

I feel love when I hear her music, a love that will last even after I have no more tears to shed. Her memory will carry on in the hearts of all who remember yesterday and the joy they felt when Donna Summer's songs

played on the radio. Although Ms. Summer may have danced her last dance on Earth, Heaven knows she will be dancing and singing long after we dim all the lights.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in a moment of silence in honor of her memory.

HONORING CARROLL ISD SWIM TEAMS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize both the boys' and girls' Swimming and Diving teams of Carroll Senior High School for winning the state championship titles.

Carroll High School competes in the University Interscholastic League Class 5A, the most competitive athletic class composed of the largest schools in Texas. It is an unbelievable achievement for a 5A high school to have both the boys' and girls' teams to win state title championship in the same category.

The Carroll ISD boys' state championship team included John Ausdenmoore, Curtis Goss, Austin Nguyenphu, John Remetta, Jonathan Roberts, Ted Singley, and Ryan Walker. The girls' championship team included Alexa Baran, Emily Gibson, MacKenzie Leonard, Elise Weisert, Lauren Crown, Lyndsie Gibson, Lindsay Schultz, Sydney Wheeler, Taylor Dereyanik, Grace Kazmierski, Rebecca Upton, and Emily Zapinski. The Dragon swim teams were led by Coach Kevin Murphy along with the help from Assistant Swim Coach Lynne Gorman and Diving Coach Carolyn Hryorchuk.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Carroll Senior High School Swim and Diving teams for their championship titles at the Texas state competition.

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